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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 18 and 21 March 1993, there appear to have been five flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are annexed to the present note verbale.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(18-21 March 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING, SPEED, ALT.
				[18 March: no violations reported]	
485	19 Mar.	1016	1020	AWACS detected one probable helicopter near Teslic, 25 nautical miles east south-east of Banja Luka; it faded from radar cover 2 nautical miles south-west of Teslic.	South 100-125 kts Low
486	19 Mar.	1319	1327	AWACS detected one probable helicopter or light aircraft 8 nautical miles north of Bileca and tracked it until it faded from radar cover 2 nautical miles south-east of Gacko.	North-east 100-150 kts Approx. 6,000 ft
487	19 Mar.	1529	1539	UNMOs in Belgrade tracked an airborne contact from a position in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, approximately 8 nautical miles south of Srebrenica as it entered the no fly zone and flew towards the Zepa area. It advanced approximately 5 nautical miles into Bosnia and Herzegovina before turning left on to the reciprocal heading and returning to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.	West then east 60-170 kts Unknown
488	19 Mar.	1137	N/A	Troops observed a camouflaged Mi-8 helicopter approach from the south-east and land 2 nautical miles south-west of Sokolac. On take-off, it departed on a heading of east south-east.	Unknown Unknown Unknown
489	19 Mar.	1733	1739	UNMOs observed one helicopter, registration 3454, depart Tuzla. Local authorities reported to the UNMOs that the helicopter departed Tuzla airfield for Besirovic near G. Visca, and that it departed "to avoid damage from enemy intermittent shelling". Subsequent reporting from the UNMOs stated, "the helicopter was at G. Visca (9 nautical miles south-west of Tuzla), behind an open coal mine" and the team was at the new location to monitor activities.	South-west 100 kts Low
				[20-21 March: no violations reported]	